CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

City Council

VIA:

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City Manager

FROM: David E. Moran () E/

Assistant City Manager

DATE: June 25, 2015

SUBJ:

2016 MML Legislative Requests

The annual request from the Maryland Municipal League (MML) to submit proposed statewide legislative initiatives is due by July 10. This matter should have been placed on the June 22 Council Agenda, but was overlooked. Since Council's next meeting is July 13, MML staff has indicated the City can submit any requests on July 14.

Attached is a list of prior submissions. Last year, the City submitted two proposed initiatives.

- Debit Card Transaction Should be Treated as Cash
- Maintain Municipal Ability to Establish Different Property Tax Rates

Staff would not recommend resubmission of these items to MML. While these issues are important, MML was not inclined to make either one a priority. If desired, the City can include the above items in its Legislative Program which is presented to our Delegation in the fall.

Suggested initiatives must have statewide municipal impact and staff does not have any proposed items for 2016.

If Council has any proposed items, please share them with Mike or me. Council may wish to have an informal discussion of this matter at the Work Session on July 8.